

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Adopted and Filed Emergency

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby adopts Chapter 68, "Public Charter Schools", Iowa Administrative Code.

Notice of Intended Action was filed on August 15, 2003 by the State Board. On August 27, 2003, federal funding was received for the establishment and implementation of public charter schools in the State. The last day an application could be filed by stakeholders is October 1, 2003. In order to allow stakeholders to file applications for the 2004-2005 school year, it is necessary to have rules in place prior to the deadline date of October 1.

The contents of this filing is the same as the Notice of Intended Action which will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2003, and will allow for public hearings on October 10, 2003 at the following sites over the ICN:

1400 2nd Street, NW
Elkader, IA 502043

Po Box M
9184 B 265th Street
Clear Lake, IA 50428

St. Edmond High School
501 N 22nd Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Marshalltown High School
1602 S 2nd Avenue
Marshalltown, IA 50158

Cedar Falls High School
1015 Division Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

1382 4th Avenue, NE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

24997 HWY 92, Halverson Ctr.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Scott Community College
500 Blemont Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722

4401 6th Street, SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Indian Hill Comm. College
525 Grandview Ave., Bldg 1
Ottumwa, IA 52501

DMAcc (Carroll Campus)
906 North Grant Road
Carroll, IA 51401

1405 N. Lincoln
Creston, IA 50801

3601 West Avenue Road,
PO Box 1065
Burlington, IA 52601

Sentral Jr.-Sr. High School
308 310th Street
Box 109
Fenton, IA 50539

1520 Morningside Avenue
Sioux City, IA 51106

Information meetings will be held on September 23, 2003, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the same sites as listed above. Written comments will be accepted until October 10, 2003 and may be directed to Laurie Phelan, Administrative Consultant, Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. Comments may also be sent to laurie.phelan@ed.state.ia.us.

This chapter is intended to implement 2002 Iowa Acts Chapter 1124, which was enacted during the 2002 regular session of the 79th General Assembly and amended by Senate File 172 during the 2003 regular session of the 80th General Assembly.

In compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), the Department of Education finds that notice and public participation are impracticable and unnecessary because this chapter reflects the intent of the original

legislation which was clearly communicated to the public during the Notice of Intended Action on the original rules and because of the need to clarify the application deadline prior to the October 1 date.

The Department finds that the amendment confers a benefit on school districts and stakeholders by clarifying the guidelines for filing an application prior to the October 1 date. Therefore, the amendment is adopted and filed on an emergency basis pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)"b"(2).

This chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code section 256F.

This chapter shall become effective September 12, 2003.

The following chapter is adopted.

